

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (currently amended) A digital data processing apparatus for receiving digital data having a use charged for through one of a data recording medium and a network and for using the received digital data by employing use permission data, comprising:

a memory means—in which use history information of the digital data has been stored,

wherein an accumulation of uses of the digital data is represented by the use history information and a transfer of the use history information is induced when the accumulation of uses reaches a preset value.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The digital data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein after the transfer is induced one of the use of and an operation of the use permission data is disabled during the transfer of the use history information.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The digital data processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the digital data are one of audio data, video data, still image data, character data, computer graphics data, game software, and a computer program.

Claim 4. (currently amended) A digital data processing apparatus for receiving digital data having a use charged for through a data recording medium and a network and for using the received digital data by employing use permission data, comprising:

a memory means—in which use history information of the digital data has been stored; and

communicating means-unit for communicating with a settlement center,

wherein an accumulation of uses of the digital data is represented by the use history information and the use history information is automatically transferred to the settlement center through the communicating means-unit when the accumulation of uses reaches a preset value.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The digital data processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the digital data are one of audio data, video data, still image data, character data, computer graphics data, game software, and a computer program.

Claims 6-40. (Canceled)

Claim 41. (Previously Presented) A data reproducing terminal apparatus comprising:

a signal processing unit for performing a signal process necessary for reproduction of content data read from a medium in which a plurality of content data to which an encrypting process and a compressing process have been executed are recorded;

a memory unit in which reproduction history data of the content data to which the process has been performed by the signal processing unit are written; and

a control unit for inducing a transfer of the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit to an exterior element when the reproduction history data written in the memory unit reach a predetermined value.

Claim 42. (Previously Presented) The data reproducing terminal apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising a display unit, wherein when the reproduction history data written in the memory unit reach the predetermined value a message for inducing the transfer of the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit to the exterior element is displayed on the display unit by the control unit.

Claim 43. (Previously Presented) The data reproducing terminal apparatus according to claim 41, wherein the control unit inhibits the signal process by the signal processing unit until the transfer of the reproduction history data is finished.

Claim 44. (Previously Presented) The data reproducing terminal apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising a communicating unit for transferring the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit to the exterior element.

Claim 45. (Previously Presented) A data processing terminal apparatus comprising:

a memory unit in which reproduction history data transferred from a reproducing unit for performing a reproducing process of content data read from a medium in which a plurality of content data to which an encrypting process and a compressing process have been executed is recorded are written; and

a control unit for inducing a transfer of the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit to an exterior element when the reproduction history data written in the memory unit reach a predetermined value.

Claim 46. (Previously Presented) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 45, wherein when data regarding an electronic monitoring permission that is transferred to the reproducing unit and is necessary when the content data are reproduced by the reproducing unit are received from the exterior element the control unit transfers the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit.

Claim 47. (Previously Presented) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 46, further comprising a communicating unit for transferring the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit to the exterior element and for transmitting the data regarding the electronic monitoring permission to the reproducing unit.

Claim 48. (Previously Presented) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 45, further comprising a display unit, wherein when the reproduction history data written in the memory unit reach the predetermined value a message for inducing the transfer of the reproduction history data to the exterior element is displayed on the display unit by the control unit.

Claim 49. (Previously Presented) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 48, further comprising a second display unit, wherein a use situation of the memory unit is displayed on the second display unit by the control unit.

Claim 50. (Previously Presented) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 49, further comprising a warning display unit for displaying that the reproduction history data written in the memory unit have reached the

predetermined value.

Claim 51. (Previously Presented) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the control unit inhibits the writing of the reproduction history information from the reproducing unit into the memory unit until the transfer of the reproduction history data stored in the memory unit to the exterior element is finished.

Claim 52. (Previously Presented) The data processing terminal apparatus according to claim 45, wherein the control unit transfers the reproduction history data to the exterior element at a preset date.

Claims 53-64. (Canceled)